

**Hurricane Harvey Response 2017  
Community Liaison (CL) Report**

**TO: Janetta Coats**

**FROM: Linda Watson, Maren Taylor, Trevor Urban, Gloria Vaughn**

**SUBJECT: Visited multiple cities within Liberty County**

**COUNTY: Liberty County**

**DATE: September 16, 2017**

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**Due: Daily 4:00 pm**

**SUMMARY:**

- Team visited the city of Moss Bluff which is rural. The low-income area of Granada Lakes was heavily impacted by flooding. Lake on one side and Trinity River on other side. Area sandwiched between two water bodies and received approximately 22 inches of flood water. Area in desperate need of cleanup supplies and assistance due to severe mold damage in homes. Resident indicated he called Red Cross several times requesting for assistance but no one has visited the area as of yet. Team recommended residents visit Lowes to get free cleaning supplies. Residents indicted closes Lowes is 30 minutes away and most residents lost their vehicles in the flood. Residents did not have electricity for 11 days. Areas still heavily saturated. Resident also indicated insurance copy told them NOT to clean up their homes because inspectors needed to see the flood damage. Team told the resident this information was not correct and provided guidance and EPA Fact Sheet on What to Do After Flooding. Residents have both well water and septic tanks. Team took photos. **No Health Department in the Liberty County so residents have no means to test well water.** Team saw and spoke to FEMA Inspector (Barry Appling) who was in the area performing inspections. He told the team he was about to go to the city of Ames to perform another inspection.

- Team visited the city of Ames (bordering Abbott Creek) but did not see any evidence of flooding.
- Team visited city of Kennefick and saw evidence of flooding. Rural area with very limited housing.
- Team visited the Kennefick Volunteer Fire Department and spoke with Mike Dupont, Assistant Chief, 3709 FM 1008, P.O. Box 441, Dayton, TX 77535 (281-515-8599 cell, 936-258-3319 office), [chief2.kvfd@outlook.com](mailto:chief2.kvfd@outlook.com) Also spoke to Leon Wilson, Commission for Pct 4 Liberty County (936-402-5906). [Leon.Wilson@co.liberty.TX.us](mailto:Leon.Wilson@co.liberty.TX.us) who indicated 80% of homes were flooded. Team will e-mail him EPA Fact Sheets and he will send to them. Also provided us with names and contacts of the Fire Departments in his precincts. To include Highway 321, West Lake, Dayton. Also provided Fire Department contacts in Hull, Daisetta and Hardin. Mr Leon Wilson also provided contacts for Commissioners in Precincts 1,2 and 3 for Liberty County. Fire Department said they tried to contact Red Cross but they would not come out.
- Team visited the city of Dayton Lakes and saw evidence of flooding.
- Team drove by Agricultural Life extension Office located in Liberty. Office closed but Team will visit on Monday, September 18, 2017.
- So far team has visited 13 cities in Liberty County: Liberty, Dayton, Ames, Raywood, Devers, Hardin, Hull, Sour Lake, Moss Bluff, Kennefick, Cleveland, Plum Grove, Dayton Lakes and the unincorporated area of Terrernos Houston

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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